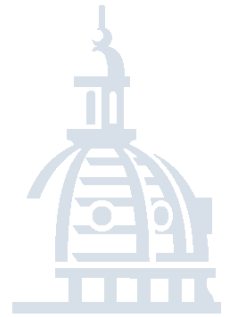




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STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION ADOPTS NEW SCIENCE STANDARDS

Standards Adopted. Members of the State Board of Education today unanimously adopted new state science standards for Iowa students in kindergarten through grade 12. The adoption of the new standards was based on a state review team's recommendation that Iowa adopt the Next Generation Science Standards with some modifications.

Background. The Next Generation Science Standards were developed by a collaborative group of 26 states, including Iowa. Academic standards represent consistent expectations for what students should know and be able to accomplish from kindergarten through grade 12. Iowa's academic standards are being reviewed, beginning with science, as part of [Executive Order 83](#) by Governor Branstad.

Additional Information. The Next Generation Science Standards are available at: <http://www.nextgenscience.org/>. For more information about the Iowa Science Standards Review Team and the recommendation, visit the Iowa Department of Education [website](#).

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